

** Statement by caste of Excise Inspectors.*

36 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of Inspectors in each grade of the Travancore Excise Department?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: *statement is laid on the table.

Weight of Mr. A. Sankara Pillai, prisoner in the Central Jail.

37 *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovalu cum Agastisvaran*): Will the Government be pleased to state the present weight of Mr. A. Sankara Pillai B. A., B. L., who is a prisoner in the Central Jail?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 143 lbs.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether it is not the practice in the State to release the leading political prisoners when their weight is considerably reduced.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No. There are no prisoners called political prisoners.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether the practice of releasing the prisoners when their weight decreases is obtaining now-a-days?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know why that practice is not being followed when it is allowed in British India?

PRESIDENT: Will the member please repeat that point?

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: In British India when a prisoner's weight becomes considerably reduced he is released from the jail.

PRESIDENT: Where is that information from?

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: I got that information from the various newspapers.

PRESIDENT: That information is absolutely wrong.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: That was the case with regard to Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj.

PRESIDENT: It is absolutely inaccurate. I was in charge of Jails for a period of 5 years.

The Trivandrum Pre-Audit Treasury.

38 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapally cum Kartigapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether cash balance is checked and closed every day in the Trivandrum Pre-Audit Treasury; and

(b) whether any defalcation has been found out there at any time?